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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 30, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20070517), please consider the following arguments. This Response is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory time period set for the response and requires no extension of time.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page **2** of this paper.